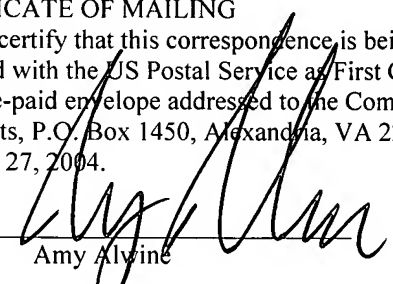


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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.27(c)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants and Assignee NuTool, Inc. are entitled to be accorded small entity status for the present application based on the definitions as set forth in 37 CFR §1.27(a). Accordingly, NuTool, Inc. is asserting small entity status for the present application.

If the intent to establish small entity status has not been clearly indicated or there are concerns, Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office call the Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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